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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
(CE)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY-RELATED JOBS TASK FORCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an energy-
2 related jobs task force to study strategies for developing the state's
3 energy-related jobs marketplace and workforce. Such study shall
4 include, but not be limited to, an examination of energy-related job
5 growth, economic development, workforce development, research and
6 development and information sharing by and among manufacturers
7 and institutions of higher education.

8 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
10 one of whom shall have experience in energy efficiency and one of
11 whom shall have experience in labor;

12 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
13 of whom shall have experience in alternative energy and one of whom
14 shall have experience in workforce development;

15 (3) A representative of a private university engaged in clean energy
16 or energy efficiency research and development appointed by the
17 majority leader of the House of Representatives;

18 (4) A representative of a state university appointed by the majority
19 leader of the Senate;

20 (5) A representative of a manufacturer appointed by the minority
21 leader of the House of Representatives;

22 (6) A representative of a technology firm appointed by the minority
23 leader of the Senate;

24 (7) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
25 or the commissioner's designee;

26 (8) The executive director of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,
27 or the executive director's designee; and

28 (9) Three persons appointed by the Governor, one of whom has
29 experience in private research and development, one of whom has
30 experience with private financing and one of whom is a representative
31 of community colleges.

32 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
33 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
34 of the General Assembly.

35 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
36 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
37 filled by the appointing authority.

38 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
39 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
40 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
41 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
42 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

43 (f) The Department of Economic and Community Development
44 shall, within available appropriations, provide administrative support
45 to the task force.

46 (g) Not later than January 1, 2013, the task force shall submit a
47 report on its findings and recommendations, including, but not limited
48 to, any recommendations regarding legislative initiatives for forming
49 public policy encouraging an energy-related jobs marketplace and
50 workforce, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
51 having cognizance of matters relating to commerce, in accordance with
52 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force
53 shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1,
54 2013, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To convene a task force to study the state's current and potential green jobs industry and corresponding workforce.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]